

Introduced by Senator Florez

January 28, 2003

An act to add Section 14031.9 to the Government Code, and to add Section 185040 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 91, as introduced, Florez. Intercity rail service.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Transportation to enter into contracts for operation of intercity rail passenger services and associated feeder bus services, and provides funding for capital improvements to intercity rail service through the state transportation improvement program, as allocated by the California Transportation Commission. Existing law creates the High-Speed Rail Authority for the purpose of directing the development and implementation of high-speed intercity rail service in a manner that is fully integrated with the state's existing intercity rail and bus network.

This bill, effective January 1, 2004, would transfer all of the duties and responsibilities of the department relative to intercity rail passenger service to the High-Speed Rail Authority. The bill would also require the authority to conduct a review of all programmed intercity rail projects that have not received an allocation of state funds as of that date and to only proceed with the implementation of projects that are determined by the authority to be complementary to the planned high-speed rail service.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 14031.9 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:

3 14031.9. Effective January 1, 2004, all of the duties and
4 responsibilities of the department relative to intercity rail
5 passenger service shall be transferred to the High-Speed Rail
6 Authority created pursuant to Division 19.5 (commencing with
7 Section 185000) of the Public Utilities Code.

8 SEC. 2. Section 185040 is added to the Public Utilities Code,
9 to read:

10 185040. (a) Effective January 1, 2004, in addition to the
11 duties and responsibilities of the authority described in this
12 chapter, the authority shall succeed to all of the duties and
13 responsibilities of the department relative to intercity rail
14 passenger service, pursuant to Section 14031.9 of the Government
15 Code.

16 (b) Upon assuming the duties and responsibilities of the
17 department as described in subdivision (a), the authority shall
18 conduct a review of all programmed intercity rail projects that
19 have not received an allocation of state funds as of January 1, 2004.
20 The authority shall assess the impact of each project on the
21 development and operation of the high-speed rail system that is
22 being planned by the authority, and shall only proceed with the
23 implementation of projects that are determined by the authority to
24 be complementary to the planned high-speed rail service.

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